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DR. G. NORMAN PRICE

Dr. G. Norman Price, Pastor, of Parkway Church, Jackson, will speak on "Your Church and You" at the State Retreat for BSU Officers, to be held at Woman's College April 23-24. The theme for the Retreat is "Let Go and Let God."

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Former DP Visits Memphis Baptists

MEMPHIS, Tenn. —(BP)— Talk about vouching for European displaced persons in the United States reached a concrete status here with the arrival of an accredited former DP who has 7000 healthy and able Balts, mostly farmers, waiting and praying for such an opportunity.

Adolph Klaupiks, born Russian but reared Latvian by choice, was visiting with Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor of First Baptist Church, with his lists and recommendations. He shared the pulpit with Dr. Caudill to tell why these people dare not return to their homelands in areas now dominated by Russia.

"All is going too slow and too long," Mr. Klaupiks said in sincere, halting English. "Food is very meager, and its lack is beginning to affect these people, particularly their children."

Mr. Klaupiks took from his files a detailed example. It was the Feodore Shvetsov family group. With a picture he produced a letter signed by the

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30,000 Expected In Giant Evangelistic Service In Crump Stadium During SBC Convention At Memphis

MEMPHIS, Tenn. —(BP)— A giant Sunday afternoon evangelistic service in Crump Stadium will be the climactic hour of the annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention here May 19-23.

Dr. C. E. Matthews, superintendent of Evangelism for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, announced that a congregation of 30,000 people is expected for the service.

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Pastors' Conference To Meet May 18 At Memphis

The annual Southern Baptist Pre-Convention Pastors' Conference will meet on May 18 at the First Methodist Church in Memphis, according to an announcement by Dr. M. E. Dodd, chairman. Co-chairman is Rev. R. Oliver Pittman. There will be morning, afternoon, and evening sessions. Three Mississippians are listed among the program personnel. They are: Dr. Claude Bowen, pastor of Calvary Church, Jackson; Dr. Dick H. Hall, Jr., pastor of First Church, Decatur, Georgia; and Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, Theological Seminary. The program president of the New Orleans Baptist follows:

MORNING SESSION

- 9:45—Song Service and Prayer — W. E. Young.
- 9:55—The Scriptures and Prayer—Dr. Geo. L. Johnson.
- 10:00—"The Kind of Revival We Need"—Dr. M. E. Dodd.

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Annual WMU Convention Brings Outstanding Personalities To State - Messages Challenging 1466 Registered During WMU Convention

MRS. WILMA SLEDGE RE-ELECTED STATE PRESIDENT

By Mrs. Charles H. Dean, Jr.

The sixty-ninth annual session of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to Mississippi Baptist Convention, will be recorded as one of the most inspiring in the glorious history of that organization. Using as its theme, JESUS SHALL REIGN, it brought home to the 1466 registered, an assurance, a hope, and an imperative that He must reign. The well integrated program boasted a powerful missionary personnel in the presence of Miss Kate Ellen Gruver, of the George Truett Home for Abandoned Babies in Nazareth, Palestine; Miss Alberta Steward from Recife, Brazil; Mrs. George Wilson from the Baptist Indian Mission in Albuquerque, N. Mexico; Rev. Gerald Rid-

dell of Colombia, S. A.; Dr. Alfred Carpenter, Secretary of Direct Missions of the Home Mission Board and Miss Juliette Mather, Editorial Secretary and Young People's Sec'y of the Southern W. M. U.

Seven Decades Presented

Visual highlights of the program came during the Wednesday morning and evening sessions. Seven decades of missionary work in Mississippi were presented by the state and district officers in a portrayed report entitled, "Go Forward." This morning presentation emphasized the Sixtieth Anniversary of WMU, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. As a report of the work by decades was given ladies in costumes of the period gave authentic touches to the picture. As they appeared they were welcomed with smiles and exclamations from their style conscious feminine audience. In conclusion, Mrs. Wilma Sledge brought the president's message urging her listeners to "Go Forward" in giving, praying and serving.

The pageant on Wednesday evening was a celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Royal Ambassadors entitled "World Ambassadors for Christ." Miss Nell Taylor, State Young People's Secretary and Rev. Walter Bisbee, R. A. Field Worker, directed this splendid play. Among the fine young people taking part were all of the Royal Ambassadors from the Baptist Children's

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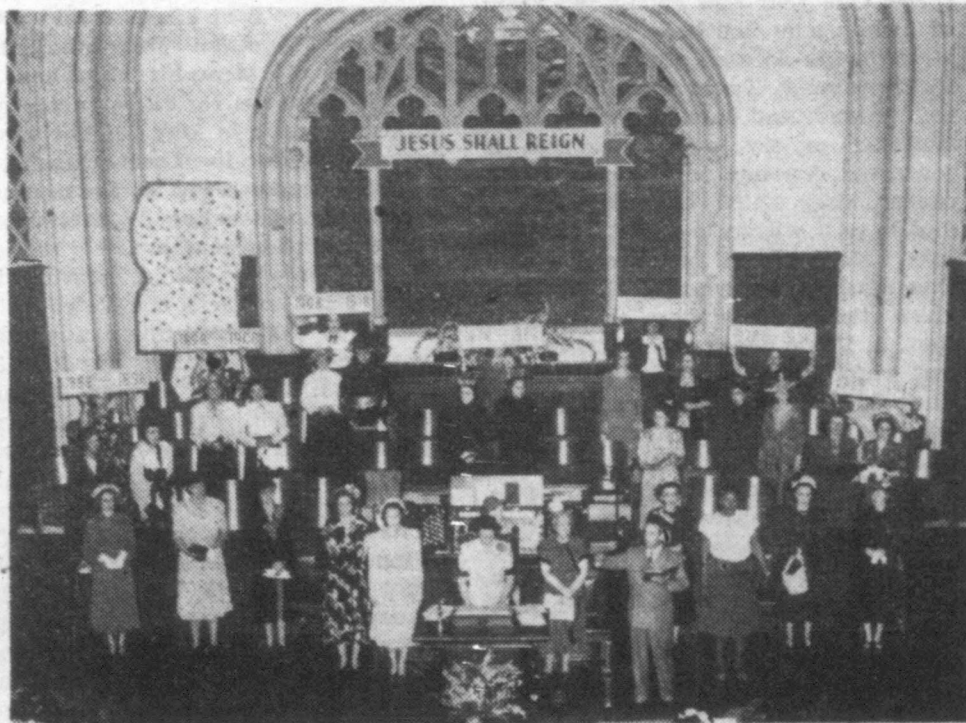
CHAMPAIGN TO RESUME RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION ON APRIL 5

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. —(RNS)— Religious education classes for local school children will be resumed on Monday, April 5, in church and organizational buildings under sponsorship of the Champaign Council on Religious Education.

The Council will provide buses to carry children of grade schools who are not within walking distance of the buildings.

Early in March the Council, in compliance with the recent U. S. Supreme Court ruling banning religious instruction in public schools, voted to discontinue the classes and work out a program for religious training outside school buildings.

When the instruction is resumed, Protestant classes will be held every week-day afternoon beginning as soon as possible after pupils are dismissed from school.



W. M. U. HISTORY PORTRAYED — shown above are those taking part in the presentation of seven decades of W. M. U. activities at the recent state convention.

SENATE GETS AMENDMENT BARRING FEDERAL AID TO SECTARIAN SCHOOLS

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(RNS)— An amendment to the Taft education bill which would bar "any sectarian or private school" from receiving funds appropriated under the proposed act was offered in the Senate by Senator Forrest C. Donnell (R.-Mo.).

Donnell warned that if the Taft measure were to become law it would result in much court litigation, inasmuch as many states have basic laws compelling separation of Church and State.

Put The Baptist Record In Your Church Budget

ANNUAL WMU

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Home. Preceding the pageant, the Miss. College Chorale Choir under the direction of Prof. E. N. Elsey thrilled the congregation by singing excerpts from DuBois, "The Seven Last Words."

Mrs. John B. Riley, chairman of registration, reported 871 delegates, 435 visitors, 14 from out of state and 146 young people, making a total of 1466. During the final session on Thursday morning Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge was re-elected president. She has given a consecrated leadership for the two preceding years. All other officers were re-elected to serve with her.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of the host church, brought greetings and the devotional for the opening session of the Convention, emphasized the place of the servant of God as a "polished arrow in the quiver of God's purpose," the Messiah as a missionary missile and God's final effort in redeeming mankind. He called the great commission the greatest triumph of all ages and the most imperative marching order of all time. He urged his listeners to join with members of his church in praying once each day that we be worthy of our freedom and that nothing transpire to rob us of that freedom. The choir of the First Baptist Church, Jackson, under the direction of Reid Moore closed the devotional period by singing, "God of our Fathers" and "Seek Ye the Lord." Throughout the Convention Miss Chisholm presided at the organ with Mrs. W. Douglas Hudgins at the piano.

She Wore Elk's Teeth

Mrs. George Wilson, herself a Comanche Indian, told of the work she and her husband who is a Sioux Indian, are doing among their fellow Indians clad in Indian garb of elkskin decorated with beadwork and elk's teeth. She wore a beaded head band with eagle-feather and beaded moccasins. She spoke on Tuesday evening and again on Wednesday afternoon. Hers was a moving appeal for our prayers and our aid. George Wilson was won to Christ in 1935 and left the concert stage where he was known as "Rolling Cloud" the Sioux Indian Baritone. Since 1942 they have been working through the Indian center which they established in Albuquerque. There are 67 different tribes registered at the center. (There are 228 Indian tribes altogether.) She said that there are 100,000 Indians in that section of the U. S. who have never heard of Jesus. Many are church members but not Christians and need to be changed on the inside so they may be changed on the outside. To the Indian we are foreigners, she pointed out. But this is a white man's world and they must be shown how to live in it, she continued. They saw their superiors, (the white man) drinking liquor so, they said, "we can be just as superior as anybody because we can get just as drunk."

A church has been organized at the center. Last year it had 35 members and this year it claims a membership of 55. She urged us to increase our gifts in order that more workers may be sent. In speaking of their great need she said that they soon learned that "if the Lord wanted us to have it, He'd supply our needs. It wasn't money we needed as much as it was Faith in God."

Missionary Dollar Goes Farther and Faster

Dr. Carpenter brought a challenging address on "This Changing Crisis." He pointed out the reality of the war

Coats Organizes Sunday School



REV. VIRGIL D. DAVIS

Coats Church in Simpson County, Rev. Virgil D. Davis, pastor, recently organized a Sunday School with 32 members enrolled. Much enthusiasm was manifest and the prospects for a good Sunday School are bright.

The following officers and teachers were elected: Homer Pettis, superintendent; R. S. (Bob) Magee, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Gaynell Thames, Mrs. Homer Pettis, Mrs. Nell Kennedy, and Mrs. Ralph Stubbs, teachers.

now on between the Christian World and the Pagan World, and said, "Events are moving with cyclonic speed. One year now equals ten years of awhile ago. Southern Baptists are strategically located from Key West to Brownsville, Texas and all the way to Trinidad, and back to Puerto Rico. Whether or not our civilization is preserved depends on this new world center. They MUST have the Gospel, and have it within the next half century." He outlined four reasons why they must have the gospel: 1. We have given them everything else except that. 2. Their continued political unrest which produces bad government. They do not know democracy. 3. Our missionary dollar goes farther, faster there. (They are capable. Their leadership is trained on the five continents at the greatest universities. In our churches from Mexico City to Venezuela the Sunday Schools double and treble the church membership and each supports two or three missions. The missions rapidly become self supporting.) 4. They are living Christless lives and going to hopeless graves. Dr. Carpenter showed how the Gospel is the only thing that can save these people from communism. It is EVANGELIZATION or EXTERMINATION.

Bringing a message of extreme timeliness, Miss Gruver spoke of our work in the Near East on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. She said that she believed with all her heart that "if we do teach Christ to the peoples of the near east that there will be a way for the Jews and Arabs to live in peace together and then Jesus Shall Reign."

Concerning the present crisis, Miss Gruver told of the suspicion which was cast upon our work because we minister to both the Jews and Arabs. They were accused of being a Haganah agency and a house of Haganah spies. They requested an investigation by the Arab authority in Nazareth and he gave them in writing full recognition



ALL GIRL CHOIR shown above is of East McComb Church. The Brotherhood, I. M. Magee, president, sponsors this choir. They bought the robes, pay the director, supply the transportation, and generally look after the efficiency and well-being of the choir. This choir has solved the Sunday night attendance problem.

Shown in the picture above are:

First row, left to right: Billie Dudding, Shirley Knight, Clara Nettles, Geroldine Carruth, June Ray, Billie Scott, Mary Ann Bridges;

Second row, left to right: Leavell Moak, Mary Ann Bullock, Eva Lee Canton, Nellie Sudduth, Dot Brewer, Mattie Lou Willoughby, Mrs. Virginia Stephens (Director), Maxine Beach, Third row: Eugenia Harms, Ethel McKinley, Winnie Mae Parsons, Era Mae Alexander, Lorraine Causey, Evelyn Robinson, Barbara Sanders, Ellen Kincaid, Fourth row: Anna Powell, Bobby Nell Moore, Nancy Bridges, Betty Jean Pigott, Grace Hickman, Billie Jean Hickman, Evelyn Smith.

30,000 EXPECTED IN GIANT

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Evangelist for the service will be Dr. Robert G. Lee, pastor of the Bellevue Baptist Church of Memphis. A strong appeal for the conversion of unsaved persons will be made at the close of Dr. Lee's message.

The evangelistic services will be preceded by a wide-spread visitation program throughout Shelby county, issuing invitations to unenlisted persons to attend the special meeting. Memphis Baptists will promote the visitation program, going out from all Memphis churches in organized groups for three successive Saturdays prior to May 23. The Convention program itself will recess Saturday afternoon, May 22, for purpose of allowing messengers to participate in the visitation program.

Plans for the special service in Crump Stadium were completed in a meeting of the convention evangelism committee here. Members are Rev. R. C. Cannon, pastor of Merton Avenue Baptist Church, here local general chairman; Dr. B. Locke Davis of Anniston, Ala., and Dr. Matthews of Dallas.

The Crump Stadium seats 28,000 persons, Dr. Matthews said, and additional seats will be placed to raise the capacity to 30,000 for the occasion. Still additional space will be provided for a special choir of 2,000 voices under direction of W. Plunkett Martin of New Orleans, convention song leader.

tion and acceptance. He had them to paint red crosses on their station wagon and gave them Arab passports for protection in the Arab world.

The only missionaries of any denomination remaining in Jerusalem at this time are Southern Baptist missionaries, Bob Lindsey and Violet Long. They, or course, are in imminent danger. At the present time we are one of the only four remaining missions in Palestine. Trans-Jordan, Syria and Lebanon she said. The other three are Scottish. Miss Gruver pointed out that the problem of Palestine cannot be settled by political decisions. Jesus said, "I am the Way" and through the labors of our five missionaries there we have the hope that "Jesus Shall Reign."

Women Should Tell 'Em

Miss Juliette Mather spoke on the (Continued on Page Five)

FORMER DP VISITS

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Rev. John Elder, Presbyterian missionary at Teheran, Iran, for nine years.

The Shvetsovs, the letter explained, are Russian Baptists. "They are the solid and sound type of immigrant that as an American I am glad to help enter the States," Mr. Elder wrote. "Refugees from the Communist regime who made their way to Teheran, they are a very fine type, steady and industrious, clean in their habits, and religiously sincere and active. Here they have done both mechanical and repair work, and also farming. I am sure they will have no difficulty in making their way in America."

The direct emissary for DP's pointed out that passage of the Stratton Bill, allowing immigration of 100,000 annually for four years to this nation, must "be passed in some form" before he can get the bulk of his 7000 carefully screened DP's into this country.

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PASTORS' CONFERENCE

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10:30—"Some Great Revivalists, Their Varied Methods" — Dr. Claud Bowen.

11:05—Special Music.

11:10—"Great Historic Revivals, Their Common Characteristics" — Dr. Roland Q. Leavell.

11:45—"The Greatest Revival I Ever Saw" — 4 minute testimonies.

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:15—Song Service and Prayer—W. E. Young.

2:30—The Scriptures and Prayer — Rev. Paul A. Wieland.

2:35—"Adequate Evangelism for Southern Baptists" — Dr. C. E. Matthews.

3:10—"Won by One" — Pastoral and Personal Soul Winning — Dr. Dick H. Hall, Jr.

3:45—Special Music.

3:50—"My Most Thrilling Experience in Personal Soul Winning" — 4 min. Testimonies.

EVENING SESSION

7:30—Song Service and Prayer — W. E. Young.

7:45—The Scriptures and Prayer — Dr. J. H. Haldeman.

7:50—Special Music.

7:55—"Evangelism, the Hope of Humanity" — Dr. W. A. Criswell.

8:30—Announcements and Offering.

8:40—Special Music.

8:45—"Go Preach" — Dr. J. D. Grey.

Mississippi Baptists--Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." 1 Cor. 13:8

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"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Jesus in Matthew 7:12

I
March was one of our very best months in financial support of the work of Christ. We received a total of \$139,988.15 as against \$90,955.22 during March one year ago.

We do not have before us the Co-operative Program receipts for the last two days of March this year, but on the 28th the Co-operative Program causes had received \$64,128.57 as against \$45,036.35 for the full month of March a year ago. All of these represent nice gains for which we are happy. Mississippi Baptists Are On The March!

II
Correction: Rev. W. L. Marsh, splendid pastor at Sunflower, was elected secretary of the Moderators and Clerks meeting instead of the other party named.

III
We have respect, as we have always had, for brethren who see things different from the way we see them.

When we came into the work, we found four items carried in so-called "overhead." We were having sharp criticism against the nature of these items and also the amount. In the Baptist Record of March 7, 1940, page 7, Roman II; March 14, 1940, page 7, Roman V and VI; March 14, 1940, page 16; and March 28, 1940, page 16, we took notice of these criticisms. While we did not admire the spirit of the critics, nor did we agree with all they said, yet we admitted their right to have their say.

It was time for action then as now! We started working to reduce these items. One such item was the Now Club or Debt Paying Campaign expenses. After four years of working day and night, sweating, spending partial sleepless nights, going again and again as many as eighteen hours a day, God's people called Mississippi Baptists got under the load and eliminated this item.

A second item carried as so-called "overhead" was tremendous loss incurred in the operation of the Baptist Record. Do you know that from 1925 through 1941 these Baptist Record losses took from the Co-operative Program \$106,024.10? It should never have been. It was our privilege (if you want to call it that) to take over Baptist Record Business Management in 1942. Backed by a cooperative Convention Board, an unsurpassed Executive Committee, and staff members who rallied to the cause—sent of God, we registered a nice gain of \$3,365.35. In six years we have piled up profits totaling \$76,642.38. Feeling that the Baptist Record in these days of profits should make up for former charges against the Co-operative Program we have allowed it to do so.

A third item was W. M. U. Department expenses. We recommended at different times that it be carried as a State Mission item. That greatly reduced charges against the Co-operative Program. At other times, as the State Mission burden grew heavy, it was transferred back to the Co-operative Program. Incidentally, you need to know that there is an agreement among State and South-wide leaders that W. M. U. budget items may be properly charged as promotional costs against the Co-operative Program.

Such procedure, as briefly related above, tells some of the story in promotional cost charged against the Co-operative Program being brought down from 16 and 17 per cent our first two years in the work to 3 and 6 per cent the last two years.

This percentage of overhead costs has been further reduced by the "R" account carrying a good many charges that would have otherwise properly been charged against the Co-operative Program.

The percentage of promotional costs has been further reduced through increased receipts. For our little part in

this we have preached, prayed, planned, and visited incessantly. We have worked with groups instead of trying to do it all ourselves. This involved some expense in travel and meals for the groups, but the record speaks for itself showing that we got the job done.

Suppose we had gone out trying to see everybody individually rather than getting the group together. In the first place the work would not have been done. In the next place we would have spent more money than we spent in group meetings and the work would still not have been done.

Another thing that has greatly enlisted the brethren in cooperation has been the fact that the Convention Board, the Executive Committee, and the Executive Secretary have tried to be helpful to pastors and churches on the field. Since we have come to have the State Mission monies in hand, so far as we know, no needy field has been turned down in requests made for building aid, pastoral aid, or an Associational Missionary. Many churches would undoubtedly go back into landmarkism by the dozens if we refused merited aid with money available in the treasury. During the war many churches were unable to build and we have had a flood of requests the last two years. Some churches unable to build because of conditions one year requested that their allocation be carried over into another year. Since the money had been granted and was in hand this was allowed. This is a procedure, however, that simply cannot be maintained with any decrease of receipts.

IV
We recently recalled improvements in our administrative and bookkeeping set-up. We probably should have added that last November the four following items were passed by the Executive Committee and the Convention Board:

1. Adoption of budget for both anticipated revenues and budgetary expenditures on a fiscal year basis from November 1, to October 31, rather than on a calendar year basis.

2. Discontinue Baptist Record reserve.

3. Consolidation of certain so-called surplus reserves into the State Missions surplus.

4. Appropriation at the end of each fiscal year of unexpended budgeted items to eliminate carry-overs.

In addition, the Executive Committee some weeks ago adopted the following administrative procedures:

Full salaried staff members may not hold pastorates after July 1, 1948. No more salary advances are to be made to staff members. Christmas checks are out. The parking of automobiles in the single drive at the rear of the Baptist Building is prohibited. Staff members will get the approval of the Convention Board or the Executive Committee for any out-of-state trips from which they expect expense money. The coming of Mr. Rayburn as administrative and bookkeeping analyst was approved even though he had been officially elected a year ago.

V
Once we heard Dr. Truitt say something like this, "The heretic is a man of misplaced emphasis."

The New Testament is the Book of the Lord Jesus Christ! It is the Book of His people! It is the Book of His churches! In this Book Jesus charges the people of His churches as a unit with the spread of His Gospel. He did not charge the Sunday school with winning the lost and teaching the Bible. He charged His churches with this work, and His churches use the Sunday school, and well so in this work! Jesus did not charge the Baptist Student Union with the task of winning young people. He charged His churches and well so do they use the B.S.U.! Jesus did not charge

the W. M. U. with Mission activity. He charged His churches with this responsibility and His churches rightly use the W. M. U. in this work! Jesus did not charge the B.T.U. with training work. He charged His churches at this point and they rightly use the Training Union in the task of training! Jesus did not charge the Brotherhood with the work of winning men. He did put this on His churches and His churches are beginning to use the Brotherhood in this work.

The W. M. U. with all of its strength is not strong enough alone to cope with the mission needs. The B. S. U. with all the vigor of youth is not strong enough to cope alone with the needs in evangelism! So with the others!

We are church minded! Jesus was! The New Testament is! The church may not rightly roll off some of its responsibility and then smugly withdraw into a shell! His church must be in all of it! Matt. 16:18-20. Matt. 18:15-20. Matt. 28:18-20. Mark 16:15. Acts 1:8. Romans 10. "Despise ye the church of God?" 1 Cor. 11:22.

BROTHERHOOD TO RAISE FUNDS FOR AUTOMOBILE

The recent State Brotherhood Convention voted to raise enough money to buy an automobile for the State Brotherhood Department of which W. R. Roberts is secretary. This fund was started last year when Rev. J. H. Street, who was retiring as State Brotherhood Secretary, gave the love offering made him by the State Convention, amounting to \$225, for this purpose.

A letter is being sent to all Brotherhoods of the state, outlining the plan. It is signed by Theo Holmes, president of the Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood Convention, Dr. M. L. Flint, Jr., vice president, and T. M. Dixon, secretary-treasurer.

Those making an offering are urged to make the check payable to T. M. Dixon, 330 Dunbar Street, Jackson.

The letter calls attention to the fact that the car is to belong to the Brotherhood department and not to any individual.

Tinsley Ordains Two Deacons

T. A. Hendericks and W. C. Cates were ordained by Tinsley Church on April 7.

Assisting the pastor, Rev. Bill Smith, were Rev. E. H. Pevey and Rev. C. L. Sellers.

The ordination sermon was preached by Mr. Sellers and Mr. Pevey led the ordination prayer.

Dr. F. M. Purser Writes:

IT IS WITH JOY THAT WE HEAR THE WORD CONCERNING THE DECISION OF BROTHER M. F. RAYBURN OF MERIDIAN TO GIVE A PART OF HIS TIME AS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IN THE WORK OF OUR MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION BOARD. FOR SOME MONTHS WE HAVE BEEN SEEKING GOD'S GUIDANCE IN THIS. DURING THE LATTER PART OF LAST YEAR A COMMITTEE OF THE CONVENTION BOARD MET WITH THIS CHRISTIAN LAYMAN, AND TALKED WITH HIM ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS HELPING US IN THIS WORK. AT THAT TIME WE WERE DEEPLY IMPRESSED WITH BROTHER RAYBURN'S HUMILITY OF SPIRIT, HIS MANIFEST INTEREST IN THE WORK, HIS GRACIOUS CHRISTIAN ATTITUDE, AND HIS VERY EVIDENT DESIRE TO KNOW AND TO DO GOD'S WILL. WE BELIEVE THAT BROTHER RAYBURN WILL RENDER EXCEPTIONALLY FINE SERVICE TO GOD THROUGH OUR CONVENTION BOARD. THIS SEEMS TO US TO BE ONE MORE CAUSE FOR THANKING GOD AND TAKING COURAGE. MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS CONTINUE TO GO FORWARD WITH GOD.



MISS CLEO TUMBLIN

Blue Mountain, Miss., April 9—Miss Cleo Tumblin, Laurens, S. C., who has just been elected president of the student body of Blue Mountain College for the 1948-49 session.

Old and Rare Bibles Now On Display At Baptist Book Store

The National Bible Publishers have on display at the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, a collection of old and rare Bibles. These Bibles will remain at the store April 10-24, and should be of interest to all our readers.

Among the books being displayed is a second edition of the first Bible printed in America. This book was published in Martin Luther's German translation in 1743. Of unusual interest are copies of the Latin Vulgate printed in 1491, partly by hand, and one volume of the Septuagint, the famous Greek translation of the third century. This was printed in four volumes in 1808 by Charles Thompson, of Philadelphia. Included also in the exhibit is THE BOOK OF A THOUSAND TONGUES, a collection of the more than one thousand languages in which the scriptures have been entirely or partly printed.

The public is cordially invited to see this interesting exhibit.

West Poplarville, and Ozona Churches, in Pearl River County have called Rev. James A. Dollahite of Newton as pastor for half time each. Mr. Dollahite with his family are living in Poplarville.

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Should Baptists Join The Church Union Movement

Recently while in New York at-
tending the annual meeting of the
Associated Church Press we heard
much about church union. Rarely
does a day pass when we do not
read in some religious paper that
comes to our desk about the desira-
bility and necessity of church un-
ion.

Many outstanding Protestant
leaders, Dr. E. Stanley Jones in
particular, make an appeal for a
union of all the churches in Amer-
ica.

The ideal is fine but the fact is
possible.

The Unionists make much of
the number of denominations and
emphasize the power they could
exercise if union were to take
place.

We doubt that a numerically
large and powerfully great church
would result in the Utopia which
its proponents so graphically paint.

Anyone who has visited Italy has
seen one great, powerful church.
While there we saw more religion
and less Christianity than ever be-
fore.

We were told that many people
who were not Communists at
heart were voting Communist be-
cause they considered it the lesser
of two evils.

Too much power has never
been an advantage to a church (de-
nomination). Even as late as the
eighteenth century, Baptists in Vir-
ginia were imprisoned by a more
powerful church for, as the war-
rants read, "preaching the gospel."
Readers of Mississippi Baptist his-
tory will recall that early Baptists
in Mississippi did not escape per-
secution.

Union for the sake of power is
not the answer. Real power comes
from surrendered lives, not from
surrendered principles. What we
need is more people depending on
God instead of on numbers. We

saw more of Christ-likeness among
the few Baptists in Copenhagen
than in all of France and Italy
where there is union of one big
church and where Protestants are
a rarity instead of the rule.

The only thing Baptists ever got
out of union was "stung."

Union will not work because it
means the sacrifice of principles
and beliefs.

If union should take place does
anyone think that the "sprinkling"
churches would change to immer-
sion? Would Baptists adopt infant
baptism (sprinkling)? Would Me-
thodist Churches agree to let a
church call a pastor of its choice
instead of accepting the one sent
by the bishop? Would
Baptists agree to accept the pastor
assigned by some ecclesiastical
authority?

We have visited some of the
world's finest zoos. They have
many varieties of animals. Much
space, food, and labor could be
saved by putting all the animals in
one large enclosure, but it would
not work. Different species re-
quire different care and food. And
if all were together the strong
would kill the weak. In a short
while the large zoo would be a
small zoo.

Put all the non-Catholic churches
in the United States together and
what disunion we now have would
be a dew-drop compared to the
ocean of discord and dis union.

If the other non-Catholic
churches want to unite, we wish
them well. Most of them have
added to or taken from the New
Testament pattern. They may
"make a go" of church union, but
the place for Baptists is as close to
God as they can get, contending
earnestly for the faith once and
for all delivered to the saints.

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The Pastor's Vacation

Every pastor should have a good
vacation. Our own work is of such
a nature that vacations are few,
but when we have been able to
get away for a few days, we come
back refreshed and invigorated.

The average pastor can do more
and better work in eleven months
and a one month vacation than
he can in twelve consecutive work-
ing months.

During these days away from
his regular work, the pastor can
spend the time in reflection, Bible
study, good reading, planning pro-
grams, spiritual communion with
God, and a lot of just plain resting.

And the church is also entitled
to a rest. If "absence makes the
heart grow fonder," both church
and pastor will love each other

more when vacation is over.

After having "just supplies" for
a month, there will be a greater
appreciation of the pastor.

Most churches do, but to those
that do not, notify your pastor
NOW that a vacation for him is a
part of the church program. Full-
time churches should give a
month; half-time churches, two
weeks; and quarter-time churches,
one week.

Not only give your pastor a va-
cation, but pay his salary in ad-
vance and assure him that the
church will carry on as usual in
his absence.

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The Associational Officers

Much is said and written about
the hard and sacrificial work of
various people in our associations.
Often overlooked is the Associa-
tional Moderator and Association-
al Clerk.

They deserve a lot of credit. Not
only must the moderator run the
association during the annual ses-
sions but he must try to "squeeze
in" two or three outside speakers
who turn up without previous no-
tice.

Then there are many things he
must do between sessions. Several
committee meetings must be pro-
moted, a program planned and
speakers secured.

The clerk works as hard if not
harder. He must get the literature
to the various committees and
speakers. Accurate minutes are a
must. Many statistical tables must
be prepared. The minutes have to
be prepared for the rinter, a print-
er employed and the minutes dis-
tributed. Both the above men-
tioned officers spend hours and
hours at their tasks.

To all of them we say, "thank
you."

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Selected Editorial

He Has No Pastor

Has it ever occurred to you, dear
church member, that your pastor is
the only one in your congregation
who has no pastor to whom he may
go in time of trouble?

It has been the observation of the
writer that, often, when church mem-
bers who had grown cold and fallen
out of fellowship and service with
their churches when everything was
running smoothly enough for them,
when trouble would come, these same
members would be the first ones to
come to the church, and of course to
the pastor for friendship and help.

The pastor always wants to be of
all the service possible if he is God's
man and will go without hesitation to
anyone in need of help as long as he
can. It brings joy to his heart when
he can sympathize with his member-
ship in time of sorrow and of trouble
an delight comes to his soul when he

can help them in the solution of their
problems.

While there is no length to which
the true pastor will not go for his
people, and to all who come under his
ministry, let us as members of our
churches remember that all these
ministries exact their toll from his
heart and life and often his reserve
has been so depleted in his ministry
to his flock that when trouble and
sorrow come to his own life (and it
does come more often than some of
us dream or think), it is hard for him
to bear up under his load without
some strong friend to lean upon. If it
is argued that he always has the Lord
to Whom he can go for comfort and
strength, by the same token it can
be said that those of us who are not
pastors have the same entrance of His
Throne of Grace. But as our Saviour
longed for human sympathy, though
he had constant access into the pre-
sence of His Father, so do we all long
for a friend who understands and
sympathizes with us. For it is often
through this understanding human
friend that we are helped into the
presence of our Divine Friend.

Suppose we who are members of
our churches when we are prone to
criticize our pastors and blame them
for matters that we perhaps share
equally with them that they are not
in as good condition as they ought to
be, let us repeat, suppose we consider
their side of the matter for awhile
and remember that they are without
the blessing of having a pastor in the
solution of their problems. — Arizona
Baptist Beacon.

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Center Ridge Using New Building

Members of Center Ridge Church,
Yazoo County, are grateful for the
opportunity of worshipping in their
new building, even though it is not
completed. Their Sunday School rooms
are meeting a real need with their
137 members, 99 of which were pres-
ent April 4. On Easter Sunday the
entire Sunday School had an enjoy-
able egg hunt at the home of Mr. and
Mrs. John Carley.

They have an active Training Un-
ion, W. M. U., and Brotherhood.

During the recent illness of Pastor
Mayo Brown, Rev. Curtis Gunter of
Clinton supplied.

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S. S. Records Broken At Jonestown Church

For the last three Sundays all Sun-
day School attendance records at
Jonestown have been broken. The at-
tendance on April 7 was 138.

Plans are being made for a play
ground equipped for tennis, table
tennis, croquet, horse shoes, and
swings.

An active WMU has been organized
and capacity crowds are attending the
preaching services.

Rev. H. J. Logan became pastor at
Jonestown five months ago. He form-
erly served at Lambert and Sledge.
Jonestown has been without a pastor
for two years, due to the fact that war
conditions made it impossible to buy
or build a pastor's home. A home has
been bought and after remodeling,
they have an up-to-date parsonage.

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The Baptist Record appreciates a copy
of the minutes of the 1947 session of the
District of Columbia Baptist Convention
which was held November 17-19.

ANNUAL WMU

(Continued from Page Two)

work done by WMU in these past sixty years and then again on Youth's place in World Witnessing. She reminded the women that the men in our economy of life do not have time to read and learn of missions so since you, their wives do, you must read and learn and tell them. We must have more than theoretical knowledge of missions. It must be an intimate, real knowledge, an understanding of missions. The men know about Mrs. Smith's new draperies of Mrs. Jones' new hat or deep freeze unit because you tell them. You must tell them about missions. She stirred the hearts of those present when she asked, "Have you a vision of a higher nobler world? Tell it to the children, they will build it for you. There is hope in the children for tomorrow. You have an inheritance from the past which says PRAY. What kind of a world do you want? "Wake up—and pray.

Miss Steward took us with her to the Land of the Southern Cross. She told story after story of unbelievable and interesting experiences. There are 100,000 Baptists in Brazil today, and every Brazilian Baptist is a missionary. There are no inactive members in the Baptist churches of Brazil, she said, and it costs something to be a Baptist in Brazil. 75% of them do not know how to read and write since there are no public schools. About twice as many men as women come to WMU conventions in Brazil. Many times men are the WMU leaders because they can read and learn and tell the women. She told of one pastor who has 37 churches in a territory half as large as Miss.

The closing address of the Convention came when Rev. Gerald Riddell spoke on, "The Mission of Christ's Church." Mr. Riddell was pastor at West Laurel Church before going to Colombia, S. A. three years ago. He claims to be a "naturalized Mississippian." Emphasizing the fact that, "The mission of Christ's church is Missions," he asserted that the reason so many churches are dead is because they have forgotten their mission. "Unless we be missionary we die," he charged. In Colombia he pointed out, less than half the people who live together are married. The birth rate shows 85% illegitimate. He said, "We live behind bars. We don't leave our cars on the street unlocked because everything that can be unscrewed is stolen. All charitable institutions are supported by national lotteries — gambling. Latin America can show us about sin. North Americans are sissies when it comes to sin. Our South American mission therefore is IMPERATIVE. It is also Co-operative and individual. You and the missionary share an equal responsibility in sending the gospel to the ends of the earth. You must assume sacrifice with responsibility. We want you to share with us the responsibility of winning the world, and share with us your children to go as missionaries. The doors of the world have been open, but the needs have gone unanswered and now the doors are closing."

Mrs. Haworth Led Devotionals

Other features of the program were the responsive devotionals periods which opened each session. They were led by Mrs. Swan Haworth of Vicksburg. Mrs. Kermit Canterbury led in the Memorial service for departed members. She was assisted by Miss Hazel Chisholm at the organ. One of the most

YOUTH FINDS CHRISTIAN ANSWERS AT CLARKE



Shown above are, left to right, Doris Talbert, Meridian; Johnny Wasson, Indianola; Robert Nations, Hazlehurst; Robert Lowery of Flora and Nora Mae Yates of Brooklyn, in the Science laboratory at Clarke College. Parents may rest-assured that the things their boys and girls "learn" in the "lab" at Clarke will never cause them to doubt God.

The story told by an evangelist of an aged minister's tragic experience, in which he had saved and sacrificed to send his son to a "religious school" where the boy was taught that "God was out-of-date" and that "miracles described in the Bible were myths," and that "Science" was the real thing in life—cannot happen at Clarke. There Christians teach, who believe in the Word of God, and whose faith in the Creator may be summed up in the words of George T. Parker, Head of the Science department, "We try to teach that true Science is an ally of Christianity—both are from God." Gifts to a school like Clarke will bear fruit for the Lord's work in the days ahead.

(Photo by Tommy Rayburn)

inspiring aspects of the program came with the benediction, the singing of the "Lord's Prayer." This was beautifully and stirringly sung by Mrs. J. M. Dorsett of Lucedale. Mrs. J. H. Kyzar of Greenwood, Mr. Reid Moore, the Mississippi College Choir and played by Miss Chisholm.

The program for the convention was planned by Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Mrs. J. B. Parker, Mrs. J. W. Bethune, Mrs. Wilma Sledge, Miss Robinson and Miss Nell Taylor. The local committee was composed of ladies from Jackson churches, Mrs. B. B. Richardson, general chairman, Mrs. J. B. Riley, Mrs. Sherrod Townsend, Mrs. E. O. Allen, Mrs. J. M. Spell, Mrs. Rembert Johnson, Mrs. G. A. Carothers and Mrs. D. C. McElveen. Miss Nettie Ree Traylor gave her usual invaluable assistance.

The roster of officers re-elected included the following: Mrs. Wilma Sledge, president; Mrs. Webb Brame, vice-president; Mrs. D. C. Simmons, recording secretary; Mrs. W. A. Stockton of Amory, community missions chairman; Mrs. W. A. Bell of Hattiesburg, mission study chairman; Mrs. Ned Rice of Charleston, Stewardship chairman; Mrs. Sledge, state vice-president of Southern WMU. District chairmen and young peoples counsellors respectively are as follows:

- 1st. Dist. — Mrs. Wilburn Buckley and Mrs. G. A. Carothers.
- 2nd. Dist. — Mrs. J. A. Anderson and Mrs. Andrew Alexander.
- 3rd. Dist. — (no chairman), Mrs. E. A. Pryor.
- 4th. Dist. — Mrs. H. R. Carter, and Mrs. Jack Wilbanks.
- 5th. Dist. — Mrs. H. L. Dodd, and Mrs. H. A. Borah.
- 6th. Dist. — Mrs. R. E. Covington, (no counsellor).
- 7th. Dist. Mrs. I. E. Rouse and Mrs. W. S. Freeland.
- 8th. Dist. — Mrs. I. L. Toler and Mrs. Earl G. Edwards.

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On April 3, Mrs. Reid Moore taught the study course book, WHAT BAPTISTS BELIEVE, to eleven students from Belhaven College, Jackson. Refreshments of cakes, cookies, and candles were served during intermission.

Leland Speed Heads Baptist Foundation

By B. C. Land, Th. D.



LELAND SPEED

Honorable Leland Speed, Mayor of Jackson and President Mississippi Baptist Foundation, was born in Covington County. He was educated in the schools of Covington County and Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Mr. Speed's rise in the business world has been phenomenal. Following the completion of his work in Bowling Green University, he went to work in a department store in Owensboro, Kentucky. But his heart hungered for his native state, and so after a year he came to Jackson where he was employed by Swift and Company.

Later he was employed by one of Jackson's banks. Here he remained for thirteen years. He began at the bottom and climbed steadily until he reached the top. In 1933, he entered the field of finance, financing cities, counties and states. He has been an outstanding success.

At the beginning of World War II, he was appointed State Salvage Chairman, in which position he served throughout the war. In 1944, he entered politics, offering himself as a candidate for the office of Mayor of Jackson, a position to which he was elected and now fills.

Mayor Speed is financially and otherwise, interested in a number of Jackson's and Mississippi's leading business institutions and manufacturing establishments. He is now serving on the directorates of Standard Life Insurance Company and the Jackson Fertilizer Company.

Last, but not least he is active in the First Baptist Church. He is past-chairman of the Board of Deacons and presently a member of the Board. He was co-chairman of the Hinds County Committee which took a leading part in the campaign for funds for the enlargement of Mississippi College. In addition to these and other responsible positions, he has filled, he has served on various committees to raise funds for a number of Mississippi's benevolent institutions.

One of the founders of Mississippi Baptist Foundation, he has been active in it from the beginning. He is now President. He believes in Mississippi Baptist Foundation. He believes it is destined to fill a large and ever-enlarging place in the life and program of Mississippi Baptists.

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Are you saving some of your EGGS to send to the Orphanage? We received several dozen from Darlove Baptist W. M. U. of Hollandale, Mrs. Frank MoShann, president and Rev. R. A. Langley, Pastor. — W. G. Mize, Supt.

MORTON LEADS REVIVAL AT BAY SPRINGS

The Bay Springs Baptist Church has just closed its most spiritual, most helpful revival in years. Pastor W. A. Hogan, who came to the church on January 1st, led in a visitation "to fields beyond the church, inviting people to the services. The lost were contacted. Cottage prayer services for a spiritual revival among the membership had been held, messages from the pulpit had been preached which prepared Christian hearts for an awakening.

Rev. M. D. Morton, pastor of the First Church, Crystal Springs, was the evangelist, and Billy Hilbun, choir director of First Church, Meridian, led the singing. Mr. Morton denounced sin in all of its horrors and ugliness, and the way of escape in every sermon. Visible results are sixteen on profession of faith and nine by letter.

Cooperation of other Christians of the town was beautiful, and on Sunday when the church had 266 in Sunday School all of theirs had a larger attendance, and also larger congregations at the preaching hour. Largest previous attendance at Sunday School had been 184.

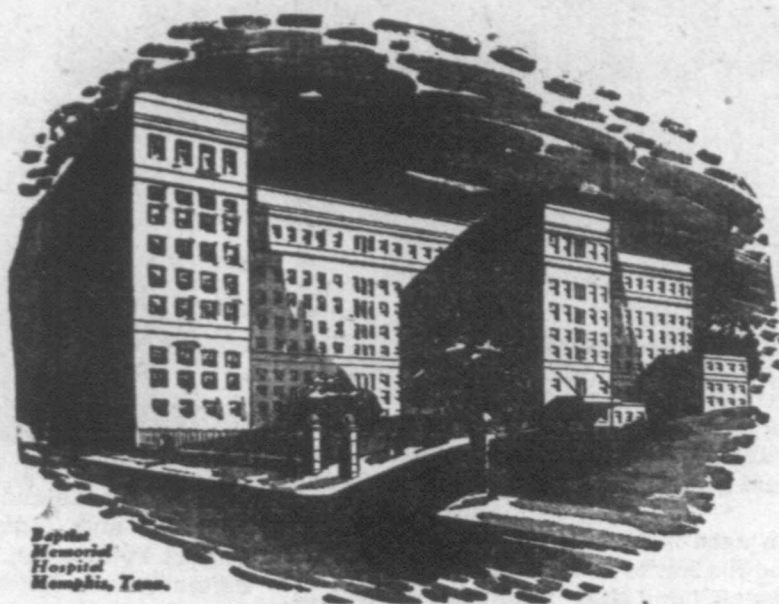
The Church realizes more than ever its responsibility to our rural areas, and is determined that this missionary effort shall not lag but go forward.

The Church went from half-time to full time when Pastor Hogan came on the field. Contributions have increased and attendance at all services have noticeably increased from Sunday to Sunday. To God we give all the praise and glory.

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The First Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, voted unanimously at the March business meeting to go ahead with the erection of a new \$400,000.00 Educational Building. The Church has \$312,000.00 on hand now for that purpose.

Rev. C. S. Wilbanks, Kossuth, has been called as pastor of Mt. Moriah and Mt. Olive Churches in Tippah County.



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Associational President



Hiram B. Smith

Above is shown the associational president of Simpson County. Hiram is doing a marvelous job in promoting Brotherhood work. He is a young man that the home folks appreciate, and he is serving his second term as a member of the Board of Supervisors.

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State Convention Huge Success

From everyone we hear favorable comments on the Brotherhood Convention that met in Jackson on April 1-2. The program was second to none. Every individual who appeared on the

program made a marvelous contribution.

The men elected three outstanding laymen to head the organization for another year. The vice-president, Theo Holmes, was elevated to the presidency. Mr. Holmes is an outstanding Christian gentleman. He is a railroadman. To know him is to love him. He is a member of East McComb Baptist Church. Dr. M. L. Flynt, Jr., a young man and skilled surgeon, was elected vice-president. In spite of his busy life he has not missed a meeting in connection with our state work that the present secretary has called him to. It is an inspiration to have a young doctor throw himself full length in the gap of the Lord. Dr. Flynt is a member of First Church, Meridian. Mr. T. M. Dickson, a consecrated layman and deacon of Northside Church in Jackson was elected recording secretary-treasurer. T. a she is known, is one of the most interested individuals in every phase of Baptist life. The Brotherhood will never honor a layman who deserves it more than does this young consecrated businessman. The Brotherhood Secretary looks forward to a very fruitful year working shoulder to shoulder with these our newly elected officers.

Our thanks to Henry Edmonds who has led us as president the past year. Henry has been an inspiration to us in this new field of work, and we shall all continue to call on him from time to time.

A GARDEN OF YOUTH

By Bessie Eastland Kent

This subject refers to "our most unusual college," Clarke Memorial, at Newton. God specializes in miracles, and it would seem that some are performed toward this junior college. A few years ago our Mississippi Convention thought honestly, earnestly and prayerfully that it could not exist, but after more individual help and prayer, God replanted this "Garden of Youth" with consecrated young men and young women who were longing for an opportunity to serve, to tell the plan of salvation. The soil of this garden must be especially adapted to the culture of fine young people, they must have the best possible guidance and a strong sense of personally security and stability to face the world as mature people. They must have loving attention such as a gardener gives his flowers. They need love, self-confidence and the encouragement to develop initiative. They must be understood and have happy surroundings. "Adult life will take care of itself, if the foundation is sound." A more loyal and sincere group than the students of Clarke College would be difficult to find. One touching fact that exists there is, (I have been told), that if a classmate is threatened with failure to make a grade, it becomes the sympathetic desire of the others to extend to him every possible aid in preparation and not leave it to the overworked faculty. Such a fine spirit of co-operation! The faculty is able and self-sacrificing. During these years of excessively high prices they accepted as small salaries as they could get by with. "God so loved the

world that He gave." Giving is the spontaneous expression of a boundless and selfless love and is the most joyous and beautiful experience of life.

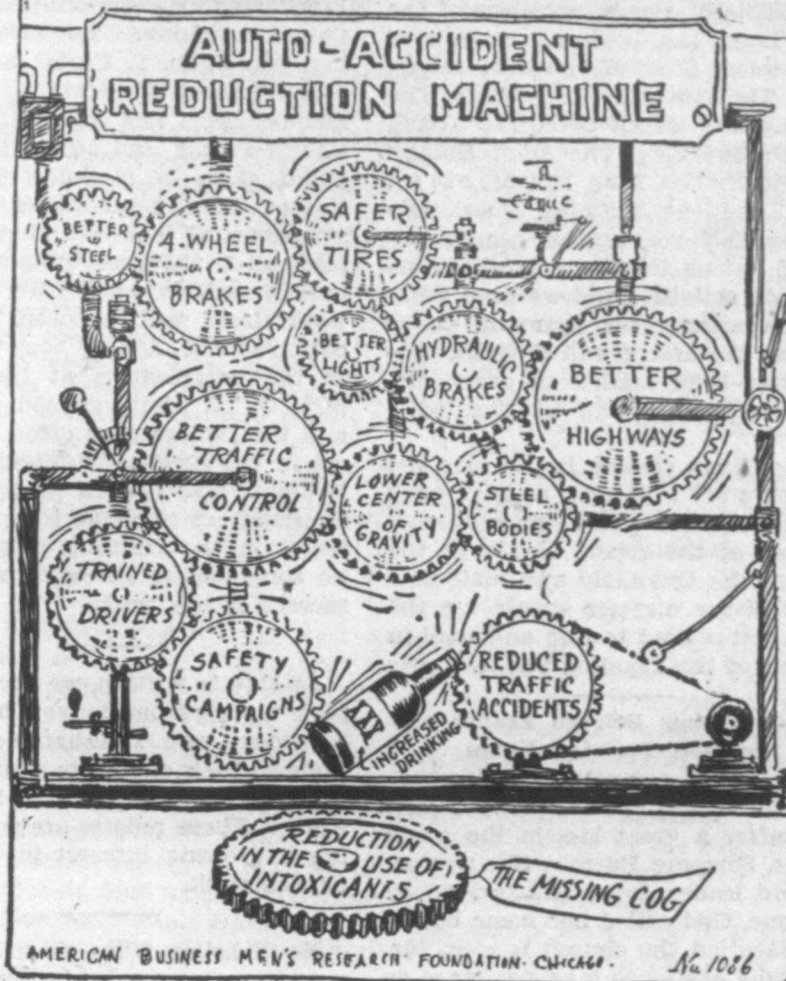
Mississippi Baptists cannot give too soon or too much to this worthy cause, because its aim is to build up faith and encourage brotherly love among Christians.

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During March of this year there were over two hundred convictions of drunk drivers in Mississippi. Five people killed in one day recently by drinking drivers. One a five year old girl pushing her doll buggy along the side walk; the others a Mother and her three year old baby.



If YOU were in their SHOES



If you were in the shoes of thousands of the sick and suffering who are unable to pay for needed hospital care, where would you turn? The doors of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital have always stood open to suffering humanity, and we want none to be turned away. Jesus said: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them..." Let us remember this Golden Rule which our mothers taught us. For inasmuch as we minister to others through the Mother's Day Charity Fund of our Mississippi Baptist Hospital, we serve in His Name.

All Mother's Day offerings to the Mississippi Baptist Hospital, May 8, will be used for charity work.

Your Mother's Day Contribution Helps Everyone

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

Auber J. Wilds, State Secretary --- Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi
Associates: W. C. Morgan, Louise Hill, Alene Johnson

Plans For District Conventions Mature

Two months is not long these days, and it is just that long 'til the District Training Union Conventions begin. For a long time the state we have some requests for the material for each of the six contests that make up a good part of the convention. This assures us of a wide spread interest. The program will include the Story Hour Bible Stories by members of the story hour, the Beginner as well as the Primary Story Hour will be recognized. The Junior Memory Work, The Intermediate Sword Drill, The Young People's Speaking, The Adult Human Interest Stories from the Mission fields, and the Training Union Ensembles. Each year an increasing number of unions take part in these interesting activities and we have every assurance that this year will be as good as the best. A full program outline has been mailed to every director we have on our mailing list.

Reports are coming in. Be sure you get yours off this week or next week at the outside. Every union should use one of the report blanks in the back of the Quarterly and mail in a report. Every director should use the blank just mailed to him and send in a report of the Training Union.

Death Claims Beloved Leader of Shannon Training Union

The church, community and especially the Training Union of Shannon suffer a great loss in the going of Mrs. Seymore Burrow. She was an efficient leader, loved and revered by everyone. God called her home but in her place led the church to elect Mr. Sam Ellis Atkins to take her place as Intermediate Leader. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wright are co-leaders in the Training Union, and Brother Lewis, pastor feels that they have a good corps of officers. The attendance runs a little under thirty, the programs are good and the general spirit fine. Mrs. Lewis is helping in a fine way and we are indebted to her for this good report.

Derma Emphasizes Bible Readings

Thanks to Mrs. Ernest Barton, Director of the Derma Training Union for a good report of their recent study course. Pastor Elgin West taught "Not You Own" to the Intermediates, Rev. Carman Savell Associational Missionary taught "Living Abundantly" to the Adults, and Mrs. Sarah Dean taught the Juniors "Living for Jesus." The average attendance was 56, and the number of contracts made during the week was 617, and the number completing the courses was 61, five more than the average attendance for the week. They closed with a banquet and the Juniors were served AN EXTRA HELPING OF ICE CREAM for having made the most contacts and enlisting the greater number of chapters read. The banquet closed with the showing of two moving pictures, School of Providence and Book of Books. This was indeed a wonderful week in the life of the church.

Louise Hill Leads In Successful School at Maben

Rev. D. M. Metts, pastor of the Maben and Mathiston churches planned for a cooperative study course

for these two churches having the class work in the Maben church. Miss Hill of the Training Union department was privileged to help and reports a wonderful week. The average attendance was 47 with a good group of these from Wood Junior College, in fact seven counties were represented by this group of young people. Three courses were offered the Juniors studying "Living for Jesus" with Mrs. John T. Carter teaching. The Intermediates had Mr. John T. Carter as teacher, using the book "The Meaning of Church Membership," and Miss Hill had the Young People and adults in a combined class in methods. The week started off with a conference Sunday afternoon of leaders and prospective leaders. A visitation program was a part of each days activities, the weeks work closed with a social and dedication service. A story hour was added to the organization at Maben with Mrs. D. M. Metts elected as leader, and the juniors were given new leaders in the persons of Misses Dorothy Williams and Lenora Watson. These churches are rejoicing in this new interest in the training program, and we congratulate all concerned on the success of the week.

As this is written we have incomplete reports from Bolivar, Deer Creek, Sunflower and Tallahatchie Associations on their church to church visitation program the week of March 28-April 3. These reports are good, showing a growing interest in the entire church work.

No Christian is too old to learn, and none too young to begin a program of training.

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Carmel Church in Lawrence County observed youth week March 28 - 31. The young people of the church did a splendid job of assuming the responsibility of all services during the week and of assisting the pastor, Rev. Maxie Nelson, in the Sunday services. During the day there were 5 additions to the church, 4 of which were by baptism. The advertising committee, Mrs. Woodwar Wilson, chairman, Miss Doris Russell, and Miss Eula Neal, reports that this was an inspiring and eventful week in the life of the church.

Rev. Henry Bucklew, pastor of churches in Simpson and Smith Counties, has accepted the pastorate at Weathersby. The church has a very active Sunday School and B. T. U. and a number of improvements are under consideration. Mr. Bucklew is also editor of a newly launched paper, "Southern Baptist News."

Paynes Church, Rev. C. L. Boland, took a special offering for Clarke College amounting to \$60.

Buelah Church in Simpson County has advanced from half time to full time, according to Church Clerk H. M. Barrett. Every organization of the church is growing rapidly and another bus route has been added. Rev. J. Ford Parker is pastor of this growing church.

Rev. Audie Mays who has been at Moscow, Tennessee for several years has moved to New Albany to accept a field of churches. He will serve Falkner two Sundays and Palmer and Shady Grove one Sunday each.

Rev. Clarence Palmer who has been pastor of Trinity Church at Fulton, one-half time and Associational Missionary for Itawamba County one-half time has accepted the pastorate of Chalybeat and Providence Churches in Tippah County.

Sparks & Splinters

The Bowmar Avenue Baptist Church, Vicksburg, is broadcasting their morning worship services each Sunday morning from eleven to twelve o'clock over radio station WVIM, 1490 on your dial. It is estimated that this broadcast is reaching 50,000 people with the gospel. The service originates in the main auditorium of the church and is composed of congregational singing, scripture and prayers, special music by a great choir of 25 voices under the direction of O. L. Shambers, and a gospel message by pastor, Rev. Homer W. Roberson.

The Southern Baptist Chaplains Association in which all Southern Baptist Chaplains and former Chaplains are eligible, will hold its annual meeting during the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Memphis. The place for this meeting is the King Cotton Hotel, Thursday, May 20, at 1:00 p. m. Tickets will be on sale at the chaplains booth for \$1.50 each.

C. Ford Deusner, Paducah, has been elected superintendent of the Kentucky Baptist Children's Home at Glendale.

Some Southern railways will allow messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention to use parked Pullmans for convention rooms because of the room shortage.

Scooba Baptist Church has extended a call to L. R. Alford who is now pastor of Harpersville Church. He has accepted the call and will move to Scooba on the fifteenth of this month.

From a bulletin of the Riverside Church New York, we copy the following: Approximately once a month during the church year formal dinner dances are given in the assembly hall.

Time Magazine recently pointed out that the Board of Education of New York City voted unanimously to add a new evening course to its high school curriculum — the subject, "How To Brew Beer."

The young people's Training Union Department at Second Avenue Church, Laurel, was 100 percent in Bible readings on April 4. Rev. J. H. Street is pastor.

Members of Second Avenue Church, Laurel, are a reading people. They have 339 books in their library and during the past quarter 669 books were read, which means that some books were read over and over again.

First Church, Crystal Springs, reached the half-way mark of the church year recently. During this period the Sunday School attendance has averaged 618, Training Union attendance has averaged 122, additions to the church have been 78, and there has been \$24,000 given to all causes. Rev. M. D. Morton is the pastor.

Five children recently came to make their home in the Baptist Orphanage. They are: Geraldine Miller, age 10 from Jackson; Betty Jane Winsett, 8, Booneville; Barbara Sue Winsett, 11, Booneville; Lena Mae Dinsett, 12, Booneville.

Rock Hill Church, Covington County would like to buy some used pews. Any church with some used pews and chairs for Sunday School rooms write Mr. Rufus Rogers, Route 2, Mount Olive, Mississippi.

How do you celebrate the Birthdays of your Sunday School Members? Why not observe them by letting the members make a Birthday Offering for the Orphanage, a penny or more for each year of age? This custom is followed by the Sunday Schools of Oklahoma for their Orphanage received \$532 through this plan. There are more Mississippi Baptists than there are Oklahoma Baptists, so we should celebrate as many birthdays. Why not suggest this to your General Superintendent or Department Superintendent and inaugurate such a plan for the boys and girls of your own Baptist Orphanage? — W. G. Mize, Sept.

Riverside Dedicates Bus



Riverside Church, Money, dedicated a 36 passenger bus on Easter Sunday. The cost of the bus was \$3,000, \$250 of which was donated by two members of the church. This bus is meeting a long-felt need by making it possible for the church to reach more people. Rev. A. T. Engell is pastor.

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Recent visitors in the office of the Baptist Record are as follows: Mrs. Phil Walker, Vicksburg; Mrs. Murdoc Wall, Leakesville; Mrs. M. E. Perry, Leakesville; Mrs. Capps McLeod, Leakesville; Mrs. Willie McLendon, Leakesville; Mrs. A. Graham, Leakesville; Mrs. Ted Grogg, Laurel; Mrs. Arnold Ball, Waynesboro; Mrs. Leon Massey, Laurel; Cecil C. L. comb, Jackson; Rev. J. F. Parker, Hodge; N. H. Smith, Sanatorium; Norma Chambers, Canton; Mrs. G. Hodge, Biloxi; Rev. Charlie A. We Bogalusa; Mrs. H. J. Logan, Jonesboro; Rev. Gordon Sather, Clinton; Rev. W. Bell, Hattiesburg; Rev. Virgil D. Da Clinton; Rev. Herman Williams, N. ton; Rev. Glenn P. Dismukes, New Mrs. T. W. Crigler, Macon; Mrs. V. Boswell, Macon; Mrs. J. L. Kins, Macon; Mrs. Broox Sledge, Macon; Peggy Bruce, Eupora; Miss Ruth C. roll, Walthall; Miss Margaret M. Houston; Miss Hazel Banks Walters, edonia; Miss Edith King, Pontotoc; Shirley Flurry, Louisville; Miss Ma McCoy, Booneville; Miss Frances M. Cedar Bluff; Miss Ruth Meeks, Ma ton; Miss Hilda Crowell, Eupora; Frances Holland, Mathiston; Miss To mie Lou Scott, Mantee; Howard L. Booneville; Gillie Maxey, Smithville; G. Hamilton, Aberdeen; Mrs. Shel Cotten, East McComb; Mrs. Roy Johnson, East McComb; Mrs. H. Thompson, East McComb; Mr. H. Thompson, East McComb; Mrs. O. Scarborough, McComb; Mrs. Jesse D. way, McComb; Mrs. Veta Dunnaway, Comb; Don Ellison, Woodland; Rev. M. Metts, Jr., Maben; Robert C. Cam Memphis; Rev. and Mrs. Paul Z. Beaumont; Rev. Phil J. Walker, Vicksburg; Mrs. T. R. Coulter, Sr., Taylerville; Mrs. D. M. Metts, Maben; and Mrs. G. W. Smith, Pelahatchie; Fred Moseley, Lucedale; Rev. J. Smith, Magee; Rev. R. R. Brigant; Rev. W. L. Meadows, Quitman; Rev. Howard H. Aultman, Holly Springs; Miss Bobbie Powell, Ellisville.

Central Avenue Church, Memphis, J. S. Riser, pastor, had special service on April 11 celebrating the opening of new annex.

Rev. Mr. Grady C. Cothen, Chattanooga, Tennessee, has accepted the pastorate of Olivet Church, Oklahoma. Brother Cothen is a native Mississippian having lived in Mississippi most of his life and graduating from Mississippi College. He is also a graduate of the Orleans Seminary. Immediately after graduating from the seminary, he entered the navy as a chaplain and served two years in the South Pacific. The Cothens have one child, a son two years old.

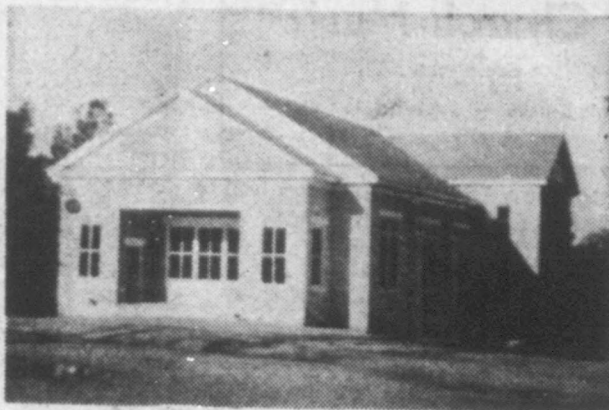
Ashland in Benton County has voted to build a \$6,000 Sunday School Annex. C. H. Fry of Blue Mountain is the pastor. This is one of the best half-time churches in the State giving liberally to the Cooperative Program and supporting all phases of the work. It is also an EVERY DAY Baptist Record Church.

Shady Grove Church, Tippah County, Rev. Audie Mays pastor, contributed \$20.02 for Home and Foreign Mission Home Mission Day, March 28.

Silver Creek Church Nears Completion



OLD SILVER CREEK



NEW SILVER CREEK



REV. ZENO WELLS

Above is shown (left) the old Silver Creek Church building in Pike County parts of which had stood for 100 years. Above (right) is the new church which is now 80% complete. Begun August 1946, the cost to date is \$16,299. It is estimated that \$4,000 will complete the building. Much of the labor and material has been contributed by members and friends of the church. When completed the value of the building is estimated to be \$40,000. This is another incidence of State Mission work, \$900 was provided by the Convention Board. Also shown is Rev. Zeno Wells who has served as pastor during the building program. He has recently accepted a call to East Moss Point Church. During the 32 months pastorate of Mr. Wells, there have been 75 additions, 51 of whom were for baptism. Total gifts, \$20,091.

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Miss. College Students Lead Youth Revival At Belzoni 5 Yield For Special Service

The Youth Revival held at the Belzoni Church, Rev. C. A. Molpus, pastor. March 29-April 4 was inspiring to old and young alike. The attendance was large and a gracious spirit prevailed during the meeting. Wayne Coleman, Bobby Simmons, Billy Day, and Pete Evans, students at Mississippi College, led in the revival. These boys preached, had charge of the music, conducted prayer services and forums, spoke at the school, and led in various other activities during the week. The earnestness and fine spirit of these boys were inspiring to all the people. The local young people who served as church officers for the week did excellent jobs. New attendance records were set in Sunday School and Training Union on April 4, the Sunday they were in office.

Three fine young men surrendered during the week to the gospel ministry. They were Billy Pursell, 17, Rod-

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

April 11, 1948

Brookhaven, First	776	202
Jackson, Parkway	230	
Jackson, Parkway including Mission	260	
Jackson, Van Winkle	428	220
Jackson, Elrane	173	97
Jackson, Calvary	1328	316
Jackson, Calvary including Stone Street Mission	1371	366
Jackson, Davis Memorial	357	99
Jackson, Northside	347	116
Jackson, Southside	238	102
Jackson, First	1330	455
Hazlehurst	336	105
New Albany, First	564	187
New Albany, First including Northside Mission	592	217
Crystal Springs	673	127
Coats, Simpson County	43	
Gulfport, First	601	151
Laurel, West	589	157
Morton	139	47
Pleasant Valley, Simpson County	125	
Durant	217	71
Friendship, Pike County	169	96
Bruce	252	60
Grenada, First	501	85
Chalybeate	63	38
Centerville	185	46
Pascagoula, First	691	214
Hattiesburg, Main Street	784	318
East McComb	467	252
Laurel, Beacon	259	103
Tucket's Crossing, Jones County	61	
Laurel, First	635	161
Laurel, Second Avenue	470	145
Columbus, First	966	313
Cross Roads, Webster County	55	
Zion, Pontotoc County	75	52
Cherry Creek, Pontotoc County	44	
Houlka	74	52
Greenville, First	890	233
Enon, Panola County	89	80
Oak Grove, Calhoun County	64	51
East Columbia	84	
Chester	48	
Old Town, Calhoun County	113	
Mt. Vernon, Leflore County	95	78
Rocky Springs, Yazoo County	30	
Darling	53	33
Wellmon, Lincoln County	88	64
Calvary, Pike County	100	74
Ellison Ridge, Winston County	127	101
Murphy Creek, Winston County	116	44
Louisville, First	411	127
Jackson, Davis Memorial	327	89
Rocky Creek, George County	181	91
Pascagoula, First	667	205
South Laurel	83	70
Tate Street, Corinth	224	70
Monte Vista, Webster County	63	69
Long Creek, Lauderdale County	100	87
Lucedale	254	75
Center Ridge, Yazoo County	99	
Morton	129	33

ney Gibson 16, and Jack Trippe 14. Elizabeth Hood 17, surrendered her life as a missionary, and Peggy Ann Watts, 14, dedicated herself to be an Education Director.

There were 14 additions, 10 by baptism. Many young people rededicated their lives to a closer walk with God.

According to Rev. J. B. Stewart secretary, the Southeast Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference will meet at the First Church, Laurel, April 19 at 10 a. m. Among those having parts on the program are Rev. E. F. Hicks, Rev. J. W. Parrish, and Dr. George Moseley.

There were 52 additions to First Church Pascagoula, Dr. L. E. Green, pastor, during the revival meeting April 5-11. Dr. Norman W. Cox, pastor of First Church, Meridian, was the preacher and C. O. Harris was the song leader. 34 of the additions were by baptism.

BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

B. M. C. STUDENT HONORED

The Saturday Evening Post of April 3 contains a poem, "Death in April," written last year by Floris Gore, Marks, Mississippi, while she was a student at Blue Mountain College. Miss Gore graduated from Blue Mountain last June.

The Saturday Evening Post's advance publication, Inside Information, contains a full length picture of Miss Gore and has the following to say about her and her poem.

"A POET'S THOUGHTS GO UP IN SMOKE"

"There's a poem with a rather unusual history in the Post this week. It is 'Death in April,' on Page 50, and was written by Floris Gore while she was a senior at Blue Mountain College, in northern Mississippi.

The poem was a class-room exercise, part of her course in creative writing. Miss Gore had no idea of sending it to the Post or to any other publication. "Usually we all wrote in the same verse form and chose our own subjects," she explains. "But once for variety, Dr. Cox, the teacher, suggested that all of us write on the same subject, using whatever verse form best fitted our approach. We decided to write about smoke; I don't know why."

She went to work on the poem while relaxing on her bed, where she does all her writing. She thought about smoke and waited for an idea. Finally the line, "Burn my body when I die," occurred to her. While she was writing that down, she thought of the second line. The rest of the poem came as spontaneously, for Miss Gore has the habit of expressing herself in verse. The only revisions she made were those she gave each stanza before going on to the next one; the poem as a whole was never changed for it said just what she wanted to say. That was in November. The following April, Jesse Stuart, well-known Kentucky poet and novelist, came to Blue Mountain as the featured speaker at the Southern Literary Festival, an organization of colleges for the encouragement of student writers. Miss Gore's teacher showed him "Death in April."

The next day, Stuart read the poem during his talk, and said it was the best piece of creative writing by a college student he had ever seen. He wished, he added, that he had written it.

"That was the accolade, as far as I was concerned," says Miss Gore. "It didn't occur to me to want anything else."

But there was something else. When Stuart returned to Kentucky, he sent the poem to Post Associate Editor Peggy Dowst, who wrote back in a few days that the Post wanted it. And this April, a year after Jesse Stuart's reading, a much wider audience is going to have a chance to see the poem that has, like smoke, risen softly and piercingly to the notice of important writers and editors.

That Miss Gore could write a poem of such interest is not entirely the result of natural aptitude. She's been writing verse since 1934, when she was eight. An outstanding student, she went to Blue Mountain with the idea of majoring in music, but couldn't pass up literature courses, so music became a minor chord in her education.

"Through one of the college writers' clubs I got to know Perrin Holmes Lowrey (who used to write verse for the old Life and Literary Digest) and his daughter Harriet," she says. "My junior year I boarded with the Lowreys and was a day student at the college. Perrin, his family and I thought, talked and argued about writing from breakfast until midnight: and we write—mostly poetry." Then came her senior year and the course in creative writing. There was more arguing and more writing, and her poetry grew better. Last spring, Miss Gore graduated with a degree, and A average in her major subjects and an ardent desire, she says, to stop going somewhere every time a bell rang.

This year she's teaching English, in Shelby, Mississippi—and still running when the bell rings, and still learning. "Perhaps I am teaching my students some things," she says. "But they are teaching me a great many things."



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SUMMER SCHOOLS OF MUSIC

The Department is still receiving requests for Schools of Music every week and we are trying to schedule as many as we can.

It would be most helpful, if your church does want a School of Music this summer, to send in your request as soon as possible with first, second, and third choices of dates and teachers if you have any. We will be happy to cooperate with your church in every way for a Church School of Music. It is our desire that you have your preference both in dates and teachers.

ASSOCIATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Associational Music Director Chastain Flynt from Rankin association has announced the Rankin County Associational Music Festival is to be held in Pearl City Baptist Church, Pearl City, Jackson, Mississippi, Sunday afternoon 2:30, May 16. All of the church musicians in Rankin county will take notice of this announcement and get your contestants lined up for the Training Union Ensemble Contest and also the Sunday School Hymn Playing Contest to be held at this time. All interested in Church music are invited to attend. Details of the meeting and further information may be secured from Mr. Chastain Flynt, Pearl City, Jackson, Mississippi, who will be in charge of the Festival.

We shall be happy to announce all of the Associational Music Festivals if

the Associational Music Directors will send us that information in plenty of time to Department of Church Music, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

WHAT ABOUT YOUR CHOIRS?

The Department of Church Music is interested in following the progress of the different choirs of our churches in Mississippi. We are suggesting that if you have a Cherub Choir, Youth Choir, Adult Choir or others and you have not sent their names to this Department, will you do so? Then when material and helps for programs come in and you need suggestions or help in some way, we will be able to send you the material immediately.

And this one reminder: if your church musicians have not filled out and sent in the MUSIC INFORMATION blank sent to them, we urge you to give us that information as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT DATES

Local church hymn playing contest before April 15, 1948 in preparation for Associational Music Festival Sunday, May 16, 1948.

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ALBANY, N. Y.—(RNS)—The New York State Appellate Division has upheld a ruling by a lower court which dismissed an action by a Buffalo, N. Y., attorney who sought to restrain New York State from allocating \$128,000 to Canisius College, a Catholic institution, to expand its educational facilities.



BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

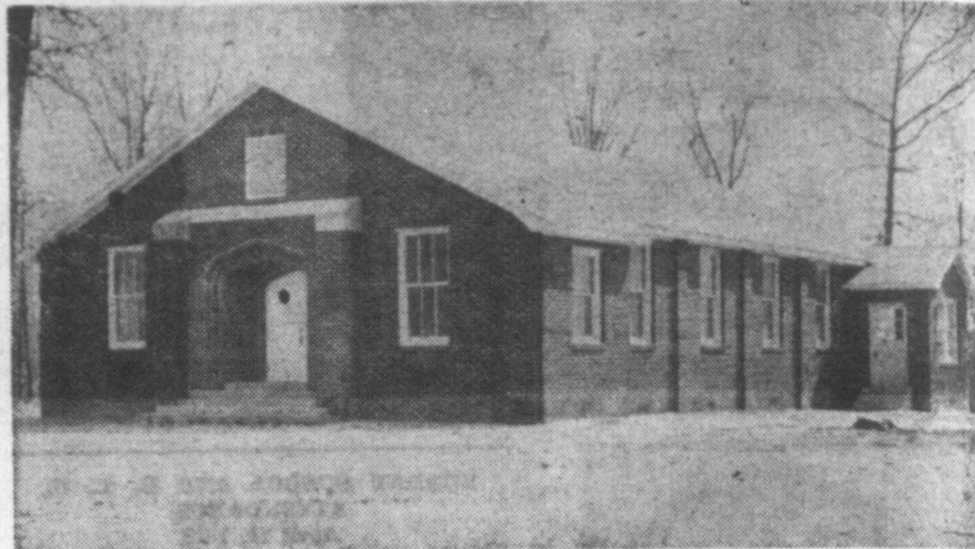
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Miss. College students, totaling 18, participated in 3 Youth Revivals and E. Central Jr.'s Religious Emphasis Week during Spring Holidays. Of the latter, Mrs. Marcus Smith writes: "One girl accepted Christ . . . another student accepted Christ but not publicly, four rededicated their lives publicly, and 102 decisions were made. . . these decisions ranged from being more friendly to accepting Christ as Savior." . . . Dr. Judson Chastain, Poplarville's popular pastor, writes of Pearl River Jr.'s recent Sunrise Service: " . . . by far the best program of its kind, and the best attended, in the history of the school," and he goes on to write of the fine work of Dora Etta Solomon as their Student Sec'y. Half of the people on the program were Baptists. . . Chas. A. Wells says, "Self-seeking and inflamed prejudices prevent statesmen from making peace, and world-wide poverty prevents the militar from making war. When statesmen cannot make peace and military from making war, When world can only wait for a new generation — a new era. The primary question of today is—What kind of people will we make of these children around us? The spiritual nurture of the young thus rises above all other considerations." (Our emphasis) . . . Miss. BSUs are proud of Co Griffin whose picture and whose work in Ha-

wall are presented in April's Baptist Student. . . Pete Evans, Miss College, writes from the weekend Youth Revival in New Orleans that "three grown people came this morning, one a grown man accepting Christ." . . Pastors, we need more Youth Revival invitations. . . Is there a college in your Region which doesn't have a BSU and ought to? . . . It is estimated that 2 per cent of the white and 11.8 per cent of the colored people of Miss. are illiterates. . . Blue Mt. girls gave \$86 to Home Missions last month. . . Joyce Herring, of MSCW, is the first to register for our State Retreat for BSU Officers at Woman's College, April 23-24. Price: \$2.25. . . Riley Monday writes from Miss. Southern that the Educ. Directors of 1st, 5th Ave., and Main St. churches, Hattiesburg, have been elected "Trustees of BSU work here" and that they will have a meeting once a month, following a luncheon together. From this meeting will come a monthly report to all pastors, deacons and church in the association. . . Of her recent experience as a team member at the Univ. of Ala's Religious Emphasis Week, Helen Bolt, of Blue Mt., writes: "This week . . . is perhaps the most enriching experience I have had since I began working with college students." . . "Christ the Way, the Truth, and the Life" will be the theme of our State Convention next Oct. 15-17.

Moulder Serves Sardis Church 38 Years



Shown above is Sardis Church, Smith County. Rev. D. W. Moulder served this church for the past 38 years. In recent years, he lead the people to build the brick-veneer building shown above at a cost of approximately \$9,000. Upon his retiring, Rev. Richard J. Sweetman of Clarke College was called as pastor.

Five deacons were recently ordained by Mr. Moulder and Mr. Sweetman. They are: H. V. Smith, Vardaman Burns, Gaston Butler, Ellery Jones and Moody Smith.

The Orphanage and Davis Memorial Church

By Joe T. Odle, First Church, Gulfport.

It has been my privilege in recent years to conduct two revival meetings in the Davis Memorial Baptist Church in Jackson, and in those meetings I came to know of the great service that that church is rendering to the children of our Baptist Orphanage. Located only a few blocks from the campus of the Orphanage, it is the church home for the children and large numbers of them attended every service during our meetings. Many of them made professions of faith and united with the church.

As I worked in these meetings I came to several conclusions concerning the relationship of this church and the orphanage.

1. I heartily approve of the plan of sending the children to one of the churches rather than holding special services for them at the home. This gives them a normal spiritual development and training, and a better contact with people outside the home.

2. Davis Memorial Church is the logical church for the children since it is the only church located near the Orphanage. This church and its pastor, Rev. A. S. Johnston, are making every possible effort to assist the administration of the Orphanage in meeting the spiritual needs of the children.

3. This church is greatly handicapped in doing its work because of

lack of space in its building. Because of the children from the Orphanage it must provide much extra space both in its auditorium and in the educational units in order to provide for their needs as well as those of the community. This means that in their building program they must build a much larger building than would be needed under ordinary circumstances.

4. The responsibility for meeting the spiritual needs of these children is just as much upon other churches in the State as upon Davis Memorial. These are our children in our Orphanage. Therefore, it is neither fair nor right for the one church to bear all the expense necessary to provide a place of worship for our children. Every Baptist Church and every individual Baptist in the state is responsible to help meet this need.

I felt all of this when I was in the meetings, and spoke to Brother Johnston about it that time. I am glad that the church is now making a statewide appeal and sincerely hope that the response will be most generous from every Baptist in the state.

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Blue Mountain, Miss., April 7—Miss Helen Bolt, student secretary of Blue Mountain College, was a member of the focus week team at East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Tex., in March, and also was a resource team member for religious emphasis week at the University of Alabama.

Blue Mountain College

. . . announces the formal opening of its books May 3 to receive room reservations for the next regular session of the college beginning in September. Advance applications have been coming in for several months.

For catalog containing application blank, address: Secretary to the President.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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The Laurel Clinic

Our 1948 Statewide School Clinic will be in Laurel the week of August 23-27.

The faculty will be Southwide workers.

Free entertainment will be furnished 100 out-of-town workers. The only cost to these will be transportation and a registration fee of \$3.00.

This Clinic will be on Teaching. All conferences and studies will be with the Teaching emphasis. It is primarily to help produce better Bible teaching in our Sunday schools.

Please write us if you would like to attend as one of these 100. There should be a great number of Sunday school teachers and prospective one attending that great week's program. Write us at once.

Free V. B. S. Literature

The free packages of 1948 Vacation Bible school literature are here. Write us if you need some. It is helpful in planning your Vacation Bible school.

The Time Is Here

The time is here for definite planning of Vacation Bible schools for this year. The time for these is short, since it is a Vacation time project. They must be held when the boys and girls are not in day school.

If your church has not planned its Vacation school yet for this year, be sure and do so at once. The first few steps in planning are these: 1. Set the date; 2. Select the principal; 3. Get the books; 4. Enlist faculty members; 5. Train the workers; 6. Advertise the school.

Any church can have a fine Vacation Bible school. It is a great time for the boys and girls, and gives us one of our finest evangelistic opportunities.

April and Training

April is the month in the spring of the year for Sunday school training emphasis. Of course, any month is a good time to train workers. We never lose when we train for greater efficiency.

This year the books on Evangelism are being stressed. These books are: *How to Win to Christ*, *Soul-Winning Doctrines*, *The Place of the Sunday School in Evangelism*.

Set the date; clear the date; select the teachers; order the books; plan the schedule; advertise; enlist workers and prospective workers.

All books may be secured from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss.

Progress is Being Made

It is always a glorious thing to see progress being made in good work. That is why we delight in the many encouraging facts that come regarding advancement in our Sunday school work.

Through many years Southern Baptists have promoted a great and far-reaching program of Sunday school work. The effort has been made to provide a place in our churches for Bible teaching every Sunday for people of all ages. This has been done to a remarkable degree.

Thousands of faithful pastors, superintendents, department leaders, and others have led the way. As a result, many have found the Lord; many have grown in Christian service, and many have rejoiced in a more useful Christian life.

May we all join hands and hearts,

in prayer and service, that 1948 may excel all previous years in this great work.

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According to Rev. C. S. Wales, Tippah Association is well organized with the Ripley Pastor, Rev. George Gay as Moderator. Mr. Gay also edits "The Tippah Baptist" a two page mimeograph paper which gives interesting items and figures concerning the work in Tippah County. According to Mr. Wales, Mr. Gay is doing good work as pastor at Ripley and Moderator of the Association as well as head of the Promotion Committee.

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Friendship Church Completed



Friendship Church building in Jones County, shown above, was begun on January 7, and the first services were held in the new concrete block building on February 29. Members of this rural church contributed freely of their time and equipment in order that the work would be done effectively and at a minimum of expenses.

The building committee was composed of J. P. Geedie, W. E. Beech, Cleveland Beech, Brewer Stockman, and Joseph Robinson.

The church is already receiving the Baptist Record on the EVERY FAMILY Plan, a Brotherhood has been organized with Mr. Albritton as president, and the building is debt free. Rev. Artis Brewer is pastor.

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Dr. Zeno Wall Loses An Eye

Dr. Zeno Wall general superintendent of the North Carolina Baptist Orphanage and former Mississippi pastor has been discharged from an eye clinic in Charlotte. For some weeks he had trouble with his left eye. The doctors found a tumor back of the eye and it was necessary to have it removed.

The Shelby (NC) Daily News where Dr. Wall was former pastor commented on the loss of his eye as follows: "Perhaps Dr. Wall can find solace in the fact that fully half of what one sees these days isn't worth looking at anyhow. As one of his friends point out, Dr. Wall always could see more with one eye than most folks with two."

Upon his return home, Dr. Wall sent his message of appreciation to the hundreds of friends who sent notes of sympathy. In part he says: "We are not dwelling upon our LOSS but upon what we have LEFT: a good eye, a clear mind, a reasonably strong body, a good speaking voice, our companion, children, grand-children, hundreds of homeless children, a consecrated staff of workers and helpers and a great host of loyal and generous friends who are praying for us."

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MARTIN LUTHER ASHLEY

Martin Luther Ashley, was born March 8, 1879 and died February 4, 1948. He was the son of S. W. and Eran McCord Ashley. He and his wife, the former Fannie Bell Rich, had two children; a son, Winnich Luther, Jackson; and a daughter, Mrs. Opal Spitchley, Rockport.

Mr. Ashley was in the mercantile business for 25 years. He was a faithful member of the Rockport Baptist Church, serving as church treasurer for years.

Other survivors are: one grandson, Wayne Spitchley; sisters, Mrs. Florence Ashley Little, Rockport, Mrs. Bill Ashley Selman, Monticello, Mrs. Hattie Ashley Farrar, Hazlehurst, Mrs. Lillie Ashley Comfort, Jackson; one brother, Marvin Ashley, Dallas, and many other relatives and friends.

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Joe Burton, editor of Home Life, has been invited to attend the National Conference on the Family, at the White House in Washington, May 5-7 as a press representative.

The Baptist Record greatly appreciates a list of 19 new subscriptions from Shaw Church, sent in by Mrs. M. F. Doughty.

Mississippi Calendar of Prayer

April 19 — Mrs. Ennabel Alexander, Office Secretary, Baptist Building.

April 20 — Mrs. Ralph Davis, College Nurse, Mississippi Women's College.

April 21 — Norman O'Neal, Associate Professor Bible, Religious Education, Mississippi College.

April 22 — State Retreat for BTU officers, Woman's College.

April 23 — Calvary Church, Jackson, Sunday Enlargement Campaign.

April 24 — Miss Louise Hill, BTU Field Worker.

April 25 — E. M. Ball, Associational Sunday School Superintendent, Greene County.

40 & 25 Years Ago

By J. L. Boyd Sr.

40 YEARS AGO

Pastor W. A. Hewitt of First Baptist church, Columbus, hopes to get into their splendid new church building in about a month.

25 YEARS AGO

Forty-eight were added to the Calhoun City Baptist church in a recent meeting in which Pastor J. F. Mitchell

Pastor D. W. McLeod goes to Schlau was assisted by Rev. H. L. Martin. ter for two Sundays, preaching also at Money, Sunny Side and Philip near by. He is a prodigal returning from Louisiana.

The first Baptist church of Vicksburg had a mortgage burning after having paid off the balance of a debt which had hung on for 15 years. Rev. J. C. Greenoe, pastor.

THE STORY OF DANIEL (\$2.50), by Mrs. Harriet I. Fisher and published by the Moody Press, 153 Institute Place, Chicago 10, Illinois, was written especially for young people with the hope that it might inspire them to a prayerful, persistent study of the whole Word of God. The author makes plain the entire book of Daniel, especially bringing out the prophecies and visions. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store or to the publisher.

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Patient Praises Baptist Hospital

E. E. Harper who was recently a patient at the Baptist Hospital in Jackson highly praises the services of the hospital of which Mrs. Krenza Gilfoy is superintendent. He recently wrote as follows:

To the Doctors-Nurses and Personnel:

I am a Veterans of World War No. 1. I have seen service from the Western Front in Europe to the far below zero weather in Siberia, and have seen many things in my life, but I have had nothing more I have ever appreciated than the fine service young Hospital has given my wife during her recent operation. I feel like I cannot express in words my deep appreciation, and this hospital is a credit to the State of Mississippi, and to the Church which it's name bears.

I hope I can contact my friends and everyone and tell them of your service and kindness to your patients.

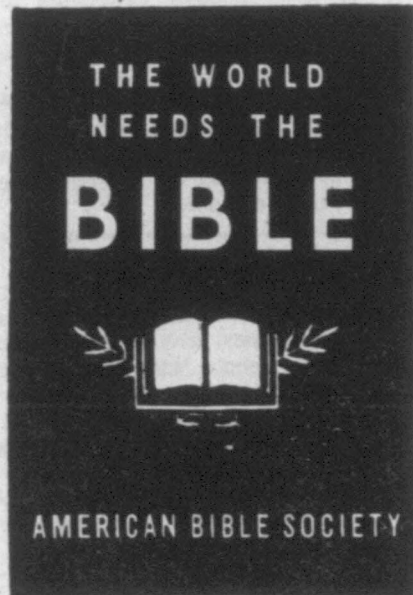
This old world is topsy-turvy and people seem not to stop and appreciate the many good things here for us and the good people—and there are still lots of them.

I just wanted to write you what I had to say from my heart, and with best wishes to all of you, I am,

Sincerely

E. E. HARPER

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Relief of Bible Shortage Asked Through Bible Seals

Bibles for people who lost theirs during the war — and for others who never had a chance to own one — is the goal of the 1948 Bible Seals issued by the American Bible Society. Five designs, in colors, appear on every sheet of 100 seals and each bears the slogan, "The World Needs the Bible."

The Bible Seals, like Christmas Seals for tuberculosis victims and Easter Seals for crippled children, offer a way for the "ordinary person" to help on a big and important job. Help is required because the American Bible Society supplies the Bible without profit, regularly below cost in mission lands, and often without any charge in cases of special need.

Sheets of 100 seals have been mailed to people in all parts of America. This year, when emergency needs are especially urgent, many are sending larger gifts than the usual \$1.00 per sheet of seals. Persons who have not received the Bible Seals may secure them by writing to Seal Dept. SB, American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N. Y.

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The Baptist Record appreciates a nice list of new subscriptions from Peacon Grove Church, Jones County, sent by Pastor W. T. Johnson.

GOING PLACES

A. L. GOODRICH

THE ASSOCIATED CHURCH PRESS

The annual meeting of the Associated Church Press was held in New York March 30 — April 1.

An informing and inspiring program had been prepared by the program committee of which Dr. William B. Lippard is chairman. Dr. Lippard is editor of Missions, the Northern Baptist Missions magazine.

I have attended several meetings, but this, in my opinion was the best. Teretofore, dinners and luncheons have been featured. This year only one dinner was planned. It was served in the assembly room of the famous Riverside Church, sometimes known as the Rockefeller Church.

At this dinner, Bishop G. Bromby Oxnam delivered an informing off-the-record address on "The Church Press and Protestant-Roman Catholic Tensions."

Other outstanding speeches included: The Church Press and Anti-Semitism by Carl Herman Voss; The Church Press and the United Nations by Hilda Yatsing Yen; The Church Press and the World Council of Churches, by Henry Smith Leeper; The Church Press and Human Freedom; The Church Press and the Menace of Inflation; Clarence W. Hall; A New Venture in Journalism, by William Thomson Hanzsche; The Church Press and Ethical Journalism.

There was much emphasis on Church Union and the Negro question. I plan to treat these two matters editorially in the near future.

In all the addresses I heard no plans or suggestions that seemed better than what the Baptist Record is already doing or trying to do. But it was stimulating to get the views of other editors, both Baptist and of other denominations.

I did not feel at all chagrined to learn that the circulation of the Baptist Record (a state paper) exceeded the circulation of Missions, the Northern Baptist Magazine which has for its territory all the states of the North-Baptist Convention. The editor of another denominational organ seemed proud of a circulation of 67,000 from a constituency of over 2,800,000 members throughout the United States. The circulation of the Baptist Record in more than 61,500.

WEST HIGH SCHOOL

I had the privilege of attending the baccalaureate service of West High School on April 11. Professor Smith and his faculty had planned an interesting program. The sermon was preached by Rev. G. R. Williams, Methodist pastor of Amory. Special music was rendered by the Holmes Junior College Choir. I delivered the invocation.

Holmes County Record readers are now listed as follows: Beulah 24; Central 2; Cruger 23; Durant 191; Ebenezer 1; Entory 6; Goodman 42; Harlands Creek 1; Horseshoe 25; Lexington 161; Mt. Pleasant 45; Oak Grove 17; Pleasant Ridge 33; Tehula 45; West 37; Pickens 54; and Mt. Vernon 12.

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Co-operative Program Receipts for the first three months of 1948 have reached \$1,487,544, compared with \$1,312,077.40 in 1947. Total receipts have reached \$2,954,722.56, compared with \$2,269,713.38 in 1947.

IUKA EMPLOYS SECRETARY



MISS LELA F. LINTON

Iuka Church has recently employed Miss Lela Faye Linton as secretary to the pastor. Miss Linton is a native of Tishomingo County. She was formerly a member of Mt. Moriah Church, where she proved her worth as a Christian worker in numerous ways. Pastor Jack Cranford and Iuka Church consider themselves most fortunate in having secured her services.

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Steubenville Clergy Got Million Dollar Bribe Offer

STEUBENVILLE, O. —(RNS)— Confirmation of a report that a million-dollar bribe had been made to the Steubenville Ministerial Association "to lay off gamblers" was made here by the Rev. Norman Nygaard, who last year led the local clergymen in a drive against vice.

Disclosure of the bribe offer was made in Springfield, O., by Albert E. Payne, an industrialist who is a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor.

"I was told at a recent meeting with the Steubenville Ministerial Association that they had been offered \$200,000 a year for five years if they would ignore gamblers and gambling in Steubenville," Payne declared.

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1947 A FRUITFUL YEAR IN DEER CREEK ASSOCIATION

1947 was a fruitful year for associational missions in the Deer Creek Association. Rev. Harold Douglas is the missionary. Mr. Douglas reports that he travelled 18,000 miles, made 115 sermons and addresses, had 4 additions by baptism, 5 by letter and 54 conversions, led two revivals, visited 85 people, preformed one wedding and one funeral, led 10 prayer meetings, 4 BTU study courses, 3 Sunday School study courses, brought \$175 worth of visual equipment, carried 31 RA boys to Camp Garaywa and arranged transportation for 127 girls.

Some of the accomplishments of the association during the year were: a VBS clinic held; 100% of the churches giving to the co-operative program; 100% of the church having a VBS; 4 mission schools were held; one Negro school held; an associational wide Sunday School enlargement campaign held; a special WMU emphasis week; a special foreign mission week; a special home mission week; secured VBS helpers, BTU workers; and all Sunday Schools were visited by a team of workers during the month of February.

PASTOR LAMENTS REPEAL OF SUNDAY LAWS

April 4 ought to be a very sad day for all Mississippians who love the Lord in sincerity. It marks the repeal of the co-called "Blue laws" of our state. Sunday picture shows, ball games and such amusements now have the dignity of the state's approval. These so-called "ancient and antiquated" laws were enacted by our forefathers because of deep conviction for the sanctity of the Lord's day, and were born of much prayer and agitation for righteousness.

Our legislators brushed aside this, which in purpose was consistent with the Ten Commandments. Some of us think the devil and his crowd may well hold high carnival today as hundreds of places of amusements open their doors on Sundays. However, every Christian ought to take cognizance of the fact that no legislature has ever repealed the Ten Commandments, the fourth of which says, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy."

I hope every Christian will show disapproval of Sunday picture shows by rigidly refraining from attendance. It is my definite conviction that no spiritually minded person will attend. I do not think one can teach a Sunday School class satisfactorily and attend a picture show Sunday afternoon. — Monticello Church bulletin, Rev. D. O. Horne, pastor.

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Faithful—Above is shown Hayward Yates of Vaiden. His faithfulness to the cause should be an inspiration to many who do not have a physical handicap. A Baptist pastor sent him a \$1 bill for a Christmas present. He then sent the \$1 bill to his pastor, Rev. W. D. Ellenburg and wrote as follows: "I can't work with my body but I am thankful to know that God has blessed me with a good mind and I can pray. This is all I can send but someday I will have more."

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Americans Like Church Music Best

CHICAGO —(RNS)— Americans like church music and hymns better than any other type, according to a survey conducted for the American Music Conference here.

Representatives of 4,537 families were questioned in the poll, which showed that 60.8 per cent like religious music best. Interviewers also found that, outside the home, the church was the most important factor in stimulating interest in music.